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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Annual notice of interest rates of Federal student loans made under the William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan Program on or after July 1, 2013

AGENCY: Federal Student Aid, Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Acting Chief Operating Officer for Federal Student Aid announces the interest rates for loans made under the William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan (Direct Loan) Program on or after July 1, 2017, but before July 1, 2018.

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DATES: This notice is effective [INSERT DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER].

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Section 455(b) of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (HEA) (20 U.S.C. 1087e(b)), provides formulas for determining the interest rates charged to borrowers for loans made under the Direct Loan Program including: Federal Direct Subsidized Stafford Loans (Direct Subsidized Loans); Federal Direct Unsubsidized Stafford Loans (Direct Unsubsidized Loans); Federal Direct PLUS Loans (Direct PLUS Loans); and Federal Direct Consolidation Loans (Direct Consolidation Loans).

Direct Subsidized Loans, Direct Unsubsidized Loans, and Direct PLUS Loans (collectively, Direct Loans) first disbursed on or after July 1, 2013, have a fixed interest rate that is calculated based on the high yield of the 10-year Treasury notes auctioned at the final auction held before June 1 of each year, plus a statutory add-on percentage (a "margin"). While the interest rate determination for new loans will be different from year to year, each of these loans will have a fixed interest rate for the life of the loan. In each case the calculated rate is capped at a maximum interest rate. On Wednesday, May 10, 2017, the United States Treasury Department held a 10-year Treasury note auction that resulted in a high yield of 2.400%.

The following chart contains specific information on the calculation of the interest rates for Direct Loans first disbursed on or after July 1, 2017, but before July 1, 2018. We will publish a separate notice containing the interest rates for Direct Loans that were made in prior years.

Fixed-Rate Direct Subsidized Loans, Direct Unsubsidized Loans, and Direct PLUS Loans First Disbursed on or after 7/1/2017 but before 7/1/2018							
Loan Type	Student Grade Level	Cohort		Index Rate	Margin	Fixed Rate	Max. Rate
		First Disbursed On/After	First Disbursed Before	10-Year Treasury Note			
Subsidized	Undergraduates	7/1/2017	7/1/2018	2.400%	2.05%	4.45%	8.25%
Unsubsidized	Undergraduates	7/1/2017	7/1/2018	2.400%	2.05%	4.45%	8.25%
Unsubsidized	Graduate and Professional Students	7/1/2017	7/1/2018	2.400%	3.60%	6.00%	9.50%
PLUS	Parents of Dependent Undergraduates	7/1/2017	7/1/2018	2.400%	4.60%	7.00%	10.50%
PLUS	Graduate and Professional Students	7/1/2017	7/1/2018	2.400%	4.60%	7.00%	10.50%

For an application for a Direct Consolidation Loan that was received by the Department on or after July 1, 2013, the interest rate on that loan is the weighted average of the loans being consolidated, rounded to the nearest higher 1/8 of 1 percent. These Direct Consolidation Loans do not have an interest rate cap.

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